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Report from Matanzas—Mortality statistics.

Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf reports, March 31, as follows: Eighteen deaths were reported in this city during the week ended March 28, 1903. The chief causes of death reported were as follows: Broncho-pneumonia 1, tuberculosis 3, arterio-sclerosis 1, meningitis 1, malarial cachexia 1, enteritis 1, heart disease 2, other causes 8. Annual rate of mortality for the week, 19.50 per 1,000. No quarantinable disease was reported in this district.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Report from Santiago.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, March 21, as follows:

Mortality statistics for the week ended March 21, 1903.

| Causes of death. | Number. |
|---|---------|
| Intermittent fever and malarial cachexia..... | 4 |
| Tubercle of lungs..... | 4 |
| Osteo sarcoma of mouth..... | 1 |
| Chronic alcoholism..... | 1 |
| Cerebral softening..... | 1 |
| Organic heart disease..... | 1 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years)..... | 2 |
| Icterus neonatorum..... | 1 |
| Burns..... | 1 |
| Ill-defined or unspecified causes of death..... | 2 |
| Total..... | 18 |

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 21.76 per 1,000. Estimated population, 43,000.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, March 20, as follows:

Plague.

British India.—During the week ended February 21 there were registered in the Bombay Presidency 15,461 plague cases (10,840 deaths), among which 1,118 cases (1,047 deaths) occurred in the city of Bombay and 28 cases (23 deaths) in the town and port of Karachi.

British South Africa.—In Port Elizabeth during the period from the 1st to the 14th of February 7 plague cases were registered. In Natal during the week ended February 7 there were 9 plague patients under treatment. The total number of plague cases recorded up to the 7th of February amounted to 63 (including 6 Europeans), with 34 deaths. Up to the 14th of February 20 further cases of plague were registered.

West Australia.—During the week ended January 30, according to the official bulletin, 3 new cases of plague were registered in Freemantle.

Plague and cholera.

British India.—In Calcutta during the week ended February 14 171 persons died of plague and 37 persons died of cholera.